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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 3673**

PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 04853.0115-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kensuke FUJII et al.

Application No.: 10/501,323

Section 371(c) Date: July 15, 2004

I.A. Filing Date: December 13, 2002

For: METHOD OF PURIFYING
CONTAMINATED SOIL USING
MICROORGANISMS)
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) Group Art Unit: 3673
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) Examiner: John J. Kreck
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Sir:

PETITION FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a one (1) month extension of time to reply to the Final

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: April 25, 2006

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